

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 19, 2013

Mr. Thomas Griffing Manager Corporate Quality Assurance Yokohama Tire Corporation P.O. BOX 4550 Fullerton, CA 92834-4550

Subject: Missing Tire Information/FMVSS 119

Dear Mr. Griffing:

This letter serves to acknowledge Yokohama Tire Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NVS-215KS

13T-009

Makes/Models/Model Years:

YOKOHAMA/RY215/7.50R16

Mfr's Report Date: October 10, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13T-009

Components:

TIRES:MARKINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,192

Problem Description:

Yokohama Tire Corporation (Yokohama) is recalling certain 7.50R16 RY215 tires manufactured January 1, 2006, through August 1, 2011. These tires are missing the "DOT" prefix, the required load/inflation information and do not list the material and number of structural plies. Thus, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard, No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and Motorcycles."

Consequence:

Without load/inflation markings, owners may overload the tire which could result in tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Yokohama will notify owners and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by late November 2013. Owners may contact Yokohama at 1-800-423-4544.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



We have received Yokohama's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle +Manufacturers.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

